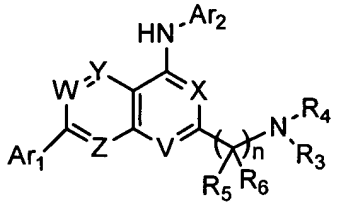
Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-40 (canceled).

Claim 41 (original): A compound of the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof, wherein:

V, X, W, Y and Z are each independently N or CR_1, with the proviso that at least one of V and X is N;

R_1 is independently selected at each occurrence from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, amino, C_1-C_6alkyl, haloC_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, haloC_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkoxycarbonyl and mono- and di-(C_1-C_6alkyl)amino;

R_3 and R_4 are:

(i) each independently selected from:

(a) hydrogen;

(b) C_1-C_8alkyl, C_2-C_8alkenyl, C_2-C_8alkynyl, C_3-C_8alkanone, C_2-C_8alkanoyl, C_2-C_8alkyl ether, (C_6-C_{10}aryl)C_0-C_8alkyl, (5- to 10-membered heterocycle)C_0-C_8alkyl and -(SO_2)C_1-C_8alkyl, each of which is substituted with from 0 to 4 substituents independently chosen from R_b; and

(c) groups that are taken together with an R_5 or R_6 to form a 4- to 10-membered heterocycle that is substituted with from 0 to 4 substituents independently chosen from R_b; or

(ii) taken together to form a 4- to 10-membered heterocycle that is substituted with from 0 to 4 substituents independently chosen from R_b;

R_5 and R_6 are, independently at each occurrence:

(i) each independently hydrogen, C_1-C_8alkyl substituted with from 0 to 2 substituents independently chosen from R_b, or taken together with R_3 or R_4 to form a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic group that is substituted with from 0 to 4 substituents independently chosen from R_b;

(ii) taken together to form a keto group; or

(iii) taken together to form a 3- to 7-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring that is substituted with from 0 to 4 substituents independently chosen from R_b;

n is 1, 2 or 3;

Ar_1 and Ar_2 are independently selected from 6- to 10-membered aryl groups and 5- to 10-membered heterocycles, each of which is substituted with from 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from groups of the formula LR_a;

L is independently selected at each occurrence from a bond, O, $S(O)_m$, C(=O), OC(=O), C(=O)O, O-C(=O)O, $N(R_x)$, $C(=O)N(R_x)$, $N(R_x)C(=O)$, $N(R_x)S(O)_m$, $S(O)_mN(R_x)$ and $N[S(O)_mR_x]S(O)_m$; wherein m is independently selected at each occurrence from 0, 1 and 2; and R_x is independently selected at each occurrence from hydrogen and C_1-C_8alkyl;

R_a is independently selected at each occurrence from: (i) hydrogen, halogen, cyano and nitro; and (ii) C_1-C_8alkyl, C_2-C_8alkenyl, C_2-C_8alkynyl, C_2-C_8alkyl ether, (4- to 10-membered heterocycle)C_0-C_8alkyl and mono- and di-(C_1-C_8alkyl)amino, each of which is substituted with from 0 to 4 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, halogen, amino, cyano, nitro, oxo, –COOH, C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, haloC_1-C_4alkyl, haloC_1-C_4alkoxy, hydroxyC_1-C_4alkyl, and mono- and di-(C_1-C_6alkyl)amino; and

R_b is independently chosen at each occurrence from:

(i) hydroxy, halogen, amino, aminocarbonyl, cyano, nitro, oxo and –COOH; and

(ii) C_1-C_8alkyl, C_1-C_8haloalkyl, C_1-C_8alkoxy, C_1-C_8haloalkoxy, C_1-C_8alkanoyl, C_2-C_8alkoxycarbonyl, C_2-C_8alkanoyloxy, C_1-C_8alkylthio, C_2-C_8alkyl ether, phenylC_0-C_8alkyl, phenylC_0-C_8alkoxy, mono- and di-(C_1-C_6alkyl)aminoC_0-C_6alkyl, -(SO_2)C_1-

C_8alkyl and (4- to 7-membered heterocycle)(C_0-C_8alkyl); each of which is substituted with from 0 to 3 substituents independently chosen from hydroxy, halogen, amino, cyano, C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, hydroxyC_1-C_4alkyl, haloC_1-C_4alkyl, and mono- and di-(C_1-C_4alkyl)amino.

Claim 42 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 41, wherein V and X are N.

Claim 43 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 41, wherein V is N and X is CH.

Claim 44 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 41, wherein X is N and V is CH.

Claim 45 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to ~~any one of claims 41-44~~ claim 41, wherein Y is N and W and Z are each CH.

Claim 46 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to ~~any one of claims 41-44~~ claim 41, wherein Z is N and W and Y are each CH.

Claim 47 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to ~~any one of claims 41-44~~ claim 41, wherein W, Y and Z are each CH.

Claim 48 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 41, wherein Ar_1 and Ar_2 are independently selected from phenyl and 6-membered aromatic heterocycles, each of which is substituted with 0, 1 or 2 substituents.

Claim 49 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 48, wherein:

Ar_1 is phenyl or pyridyl, each of which is substituted with from 0 to 2 substituents independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, cyano, amino, nitro, mono- and di-(C_1-C_6alkyl)amino, C_1-C_6alkyl, haloC_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy and haloC_1-C_6alkoxy; and

Ar_2 is phenyl or pyridyl, each of which is substituted with from 0 to 2 substituents independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, cyano, amino, nitro, mono- and di-(C_1-C_6alkyl)amino, C_1-C_6alkyl, haloC_1-C_6alkyl, cyanoC_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, haloC_1-C_6alkoxy, C_2-C_6alkyl ether, C_1-C_6alkanoyl, $-(SO_2)R_d$, - $N(R_x)S(O)_mR_d$, and $-N[S(O_m)R_x]S(O)_mR_d$; wherein m is 1 or 2, R_x is hydrogen or C_1-C_6alkyl, and R_d is C_1-C_6alkyl, haloC_1-C_6alkyl, amino, mono- or di-(C_1-C_6alkyl)amino or a 5- to 10-membered, N-linked heterocyclic group, each of which R_d is substituted with from 0 to 2 substituents independently chosen from halogen, hydroxy, cyano, amino, nitro, mono- and di-(C_1-C_6alkyl)amino, C_1-C_4alkyl, haloC_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy and haloC_1-C_4alkoxy.

Claim 50 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 49, wherein:

Ar_1 is pyridyl, unsubstituted or substituted with halogen, cyano, C_1-C_4alkyl or haloC_1-C_4alkyl; and

Ar_2 is phenyl or pyridyl, substituted with from 0 to 2 substituents independently chosen from halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, cyanoC_1-C_4alkyl haloC_1-C_4alkyl, C_2-C_6alkyl ether and groups of the formula $-(SO_2)R_d$, wherein R_d is C_1-C_4alkyl or haloC_1-C_4alkyl.

Claim 51 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 49, wherein:

Ar_1 is phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted with halogen, cyano, C_1-C_4alkyl or haloC_1-C_4alkyl; and

Ar_2 is phenyl or pyridyl, substituted with from 0 to 2 substituents independently chosen from halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, cyanoC_1-C_4alkyl haloC_1-C_4alkyl, C_2-C_6alkyl ether and groups of the formula $-(SO_2)R_d$, wherein R_d is C_1-C_4alkyl or haloC_1-C_4alkyl.

Claim 52 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 49, wherein:

Ar_1 is pyridin-2-yl, 3-methyl-pyridin-2-yl, 3-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-yl or 3-halo-pyridin-2-yl; and

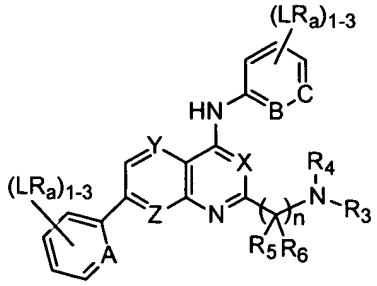
Ar_2 is phenyl, pyridin-2-yl or pyridin-3-yl, each of which is substituted at the *para*-position with halogen, cyano, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, *t*-butyl, trifluoromethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-methyl-ethyl, methanesulfonyl, ethanesulfonyl, propanesulfonyl, propane-2-sulfonyl, trifluoromethanesulfonyl or 2,2,2-trifluoroethanesulfonyl.

Claim 53 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 49, wherein:

Ar_1 is phenyl, 2-methyl-phenyl, 2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl or 2-halo-phenyl; and

Ar_2 is phenyl, pyridin-2-yl or pyridin-3-yl, each of which is substituted at the *para*-position with halogen, cyano, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, *t*-butyl, trifluoromethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-methyl-ethyl, methanesulfonyl, ethanesulfonyl, propanesulfonyl, propane-2-sulfonyl, trifluoromethanesulfonyl or 2,2,2-trifluoroethanesulfonyl.

Claim 54 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to ~~claim 30~~ claim 41, having the formula:



wherein A, B, C, Y and Z are each independently CH or N, and wherein each "$(LR_a)_{1-3}$" represents from 1 to 3 substituents independently chosen from groups of the formula LR_a.

Claim 55 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 41 ~~or 54~~, wherein R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from (i) hydrogen and (ii) C_1-C_8alkyl, C_2-C_8alkenyl, C_2-C_8alkynyl, C_3-C_8alkanone, C_1-C_8alkanoyl, C_2-

C_8alkyl ether, (C_6-C_{10}aryl)C_0-C_8alkyl, (5- to 10-membered heterocycle)C_0-C_8alkyl and -(SO_2)C_1-C_8alkyl, each of which is substituted with from 0 to 4 substituents independently chosen from R_b.

Claim 56 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 55, wherein R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from (i) hydrogen and (ii) C_1-C_8alkyl, C_2-C_8alkenyl, phenylC_0-C_4alkyl, indanylC_0-C_4alkyl, (5- to 6-membered heteroaryl)C_0-C_4alkyl and (5- to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl)C_0-C_4alkyl, each of which is substituted with from 0 to 4 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, halogen, amino, C_1-C_6alkyl, haloC_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy and haloC_1-C_6alkoxy.

Claim 57 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 56, wherein R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl, (5- to 7-membered heterocycle)C_0-C_4alkyl, C_2-C_6alkyl ether, indanyl, benzyl, 1-phenyl-ethyl, 1-phenyl-propyl and 2-phenyl-ethyl, each of which is substituted with from 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, halogen and C_1-C_4alkyl, with the proviso that at least one of R_3 and R_4 is not hydrogen.

Claim 58 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 41 ~~or claim 54~~, wherein one of R_3 or R_4 is taken together with an R_5 or R_6 to form a 4- to 10-membered heterocyclic group that is substituted with from 0 to 4 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, haloC_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, haloC_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkanoyl, C_1-C_4alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl and (4- to 10-membered heterocycle)C_0-C_8alkyl.

Claim 59 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 41 ~~or claim 54~~, wherein R_3 and R_4 are taken together to form a 4- to 10-membered heterocycle that is substituted with from 0 to 4 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, halogen, aminocarbonyl, C_1-C_4alkyl, hydroxyC_1-C_4alkyl, haloC_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, haloC_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkanoyl, C_2-C_4alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl and (4- to 7-membered heterocycle)C_0-C_8alkyl.

Claim 60 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 59, wherein the 4- to 10-membered heterocycle is morpholinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyrrolidinyl or thiomorpholinyl.

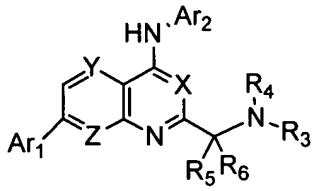
Claim 61 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 41 ~~or claim 54~~, wherein each R_5 and R_6 is independently selected from hydrogen and C_1-C_4alkyl.

Claim 62 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 61, wherein each R_5 and R_6 is hydrogen.

Claim 63 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 41 ~~or claim 54~~, wherein one R_5 and one R_6 attached to the same carbon atom are taken together to form a keto group.

Claim 64 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to claim 41 ~~or claim 54~~, wherein n is 1.

Claim 65 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to ~~claim 30~~ claim 41, having the formula:



wherein:

Ar_1 is phenyl or pyridyl, unsubstituted or substituted with halogen, cyano, C_1-C_4alkyl or haloC_1-C_4alkyl;

Ar_2 is phenyl or pyridyl, unsubstituted or substituted with C_1-C_4alkyl, cyanoC_1-C_4alkyl, haloC_1-C_4alkyl, C_2-C_6alkyl ether or a group of the formula $-(SO_2)R_d$, wherein R_d is C_1-C_4alkyl or haloC_1-C_4alkyl;

R_3 and R_4 are:

(a) independently selected from:

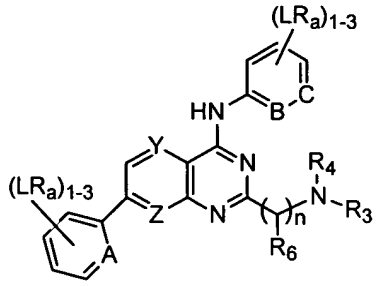
(i) hydrogen; and

(ii) C_1-C_6alkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl, (5- to 7-membered heterocycle)C_0-C_4alkyl, C_2-C_6alkyl ether, indanyl, benzyl, 1-phenyl-ethyl, 1-phenyl-propyl and 2-phenyl-ethyl, each of which is substituted with from 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, cyano, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl and haloC_1-C_4alkyl; or

(b) taken together to form a 5- to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl that is substituted with from 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, cyano, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl and haloC_1-C_4alkyl; and

R_5 and R_6 are independently selected from hydrogen and C_1-C_4alkyl.

Claim 66 (currently amended): A compound or <u>pharmaceutically acceptable</u> form thereof according to claim [[54]] <u>65</u>, having the formula:



wherein:

A, B, C, Y and Z are each independently CH or N;

R_3 and R_4 are:

(a) independently selected from:

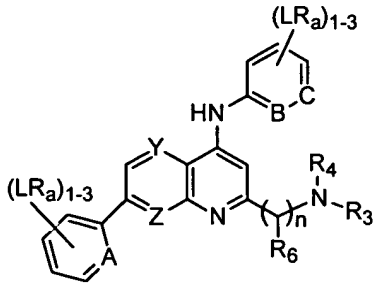
(i) hydrogen; and

(ii) C_1-C_6alkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl, (5- to 7-membered heterocycle)C_0-C_4alkyl, C_2-C_6alkyl ether, indanyl, benzyl, 1-phenyl-ethyl, 1-phenyl-propyl and 2-phenyl-ethyl, each of which is substituted with from 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, cyano, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl and haloC_1-C_4alkyl; or

(b) taken together to form a 5- to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl that is substituted with from 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, cyano, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl and haloC_1-C_4alkyl; and

each R_6 is independently hydrogen or methyl.

Claim 67 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to ~~claim 54~~ claim 65, having the formula:



wherein:

A, B, C, Y and Z are each independently CH or N;

R_3 and R_4 are:

(a) independently selected from:

(i) hydrogen; and

(ii) C_1-C_6alkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl, (5- to 7-membered heterocycle)C_0-C_4alkyl, C_2-C_6alkyl ether, indanyl, benzyl, 1-phenyl-ethyl, 1-phenyl-propyl and 2-phenyl-ethyl, each of which is substituted with from 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, cyano, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl and haloC_1-C_4alkyl; or

(b) taken together to form a 5- to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl that is substituted with from 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, cyano, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl and haloC_1-C_4alkyl; and

each R_6 is independently hydrogen or methyl.

Claim 68 (canceled).

Claim 69 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to ~~any one of claims 1, 14 or 41,~~ claim 41, wherein the compound has an IC_{50} value of 100 nanomolar or less in a capsaicin receptor calcium mobilization assay.

Claim 70 (currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to ~~any one of claims 1, 14 or 41~~ claim 41, wherein the compound has an IC_{50} value of 10 nanomolar or less in a capsaicin receptor calcium mobilization assay.

Claim 71 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition, comprising at least one compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to ~~any one of claims 1, 14 or 41~~ claim 41, in combination with a physiologically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claim 72 (original): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 71 wherein the composition is formulated as an injectible fluid, an aerosol, a cream, a gel, a pill, a capsule, a syrup or a transdermal patch.

Claims 73-87 (canceled).

Claim 88 (currently amended): A method for treating pain in a patient, comprising administering to a patient suffering from pain a capsaicin receptor modulatory amount of at least one compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof according to ~~any one of claims 1, 14 or 41~~ claim 41, and thereby alleviating pain in the patient.

Claim 89 (currently amended): A method according to claim 88, wherein the compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof is present in the blood of the patient at a concentration of 1 micromolar or less.

Claim 90 (currently amended): A method according to claim 89, wherein the compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof is present in the blood of the patient at a concentration of 500 nanomolar or less.

Claim 91 (currently amended): A method according to claim 89, wherein the compound or pharmaceutically acceptable form thereof is present in the blood of the patient at a concentration of 100 nanomolar or less.

Claim 92 (original): A method according to claim 88, wherein the patient is suffering from neuropathic pain.

Claim 93 (original): A method according to claim 88, wherein the pain is associated with a condition selected from: postmastectomy pain syndrome, stump pain, phantom limb pain, oral neuropathic pain, toothache, postherpetic neuralgia, diabetic neuropathy, reflex sympathetic dystrophy, trigeminal neuralgia, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, Guillain-Barre syndrome, meralgia paresthetica, burning-mouth syndrome, bilateral peripheral neuropathy, causalgia, neuritis, neuronitis, neuralgia, AIDS-related neuropathy, MS-related neuropathy, spinal cord injury-related pain, surgery-related pain, musculoskeletal pain, back pain, headache, migraine, angina, labor, hemorrhoids, dyspepsia, Charcot's pains, intestinal gas, menstruation, cancer, venom exposure, irritable bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease and trauma.

Claim 94 (original): A method according to claim 88, wherein the patient is a human.

Claims 95- 101 (canceled).

Claim 102 (original): A packaged pharmaceutical preparation, comprising:

(a) a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 71 in a container; and

(b) instructions for using the composition to treat pain.

Claims 103-105 (canceled).